

May 8, 2023

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 8, 2023, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

HB 552 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 430 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUILD OUR FUTURE GRANT
PILOT PROGRAM AND FUND (INNOVATION ECONOMY
INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2023)

Establishing the Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program in the Department of Commerce to provide funding for certain costs for infrastructure projects in eligible technology sectors; requiring certain grantees to provide matching funds and to demonstrate certain abilities; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the projects funded through and the economic impact of the Program by July 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 549

Chapter 431

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUILD OUR FUTURE GRANT PILOT PROGRAM AND FUND (INNOVATION ECONOMY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2023)

Establishing the Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program in the Department of Commerce to provide funding for certain costs for infrastructure projects in eligible technology sectors; requiring certain grantees to provide matching funds and to demonstrate certain abilities; establishing the Build Our Future Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the projects funded through and the economic impact of the Program on or before July 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 548

Chapter 432

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

FINANCIAL REGULATION – MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT (ACCESS TO BANKING ACT)

Establishing the Maryland Community Investment Venture Fund as an instrumentality of the State for purposes of developing opportunities for banking institutions and credit unions to better serve the needs of low- to moderate-income tracts; providing for certain assessment offset credits for certain banking institutions and credit unions in certain areas; authorizing the use of the Banking Institution and Credit Union Regulation Fund for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 550

Chapter 433

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 452

Chapter 434

Senator Griffith, et al

FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY INCOME TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS AND MARYLAND ENTERTAINMENT COUNCIL

Expanding eligibility for the credit against the State income tax for certain film production activities to include documentaries and talk, reality, and game shows; increasing the percentage of total direct costs that qualify for the tax credit; increasing the aggregate amount of tax credit certificates that the Secretary of Commerce may issue for fiscal years 2024 through 2026; establishing the Maryland Entertainment Council to study and make recommendations regarding Maryland's film, television, and entertainment industry; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 389

Chapter 435

Delegate T. Morgan, et al

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – STATE SPECIALIST FOR VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE

Establishing the State Specialist for Value-Added Agriculture as a position in the Department of Agriculture to serve as the primary point of contact for individuals engaging in, or interested in engaging in, value-added agriculture in the State; and requiring the Specialist to provide information regarding State and federal regulations related to value-added agriculture and to act as a liaison between State and federal partners involved in value-added agriculture.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 34

Chapter 436

Senators Hester and Gallion

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – STATE SPECIALIST FOR
VALUE–ADDED AGRICULTURE**

Establishing the State Specialist for Value–Added Agriculture as a position in the Department of Agriculture to serve as the primary point of contact for individuals engaging in, or interested in engaging in, value–added agriculture in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 706

Chapter 437

Delegate A. Jones

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES – BUSINESS FACADE IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM**

Establishing the Business Facade Improvement Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist qualified businesses located in sustainable communities with improving the outside appearance of the qualified businesses' buildings or facilities; requiring the Department to develop an application process for political subdivisions seeking to participate in the Program; and requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 721

Chapter 438

**Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Commerce)**

**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR FEDERAL SECURITY CLEARANCE
COSTS – ALTERATIONS**

Reestablishing a time period of taxable years from December 21, 2022, to January 1, 2028, for a credit against the Maryland income tax for certain costs incurred by employers to obtain federal security clearances for employees, rent certain spaces, and construct or renovate certain sensitive compartmented information facilities in the State; limiting eligibility for the income tax credit to individuals or corporations that employ not more than 500 employees; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- HB 695** **Delegates Sample–Hughes and Adams**
Chapter 439 **RURAL MARYLAND PROSPERITY INVESTMENT FUND –
ALLOCATION OF GRANTS (RURAL COMMUNITIES
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2023)**
- Authorizing the allocation of grants from the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund for certain business and workforce development activities.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 551** **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 440 **OFFICE OF STATEWIDE BROADBAND – STUDY OF
BROADBAND EXPANSION INCENTIVES**
- Requiring the Office of Statewide Broadband within the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct a study as to how the State can incentivize broadband service providers to expand broadband infrastructure to communities that are unserved or underserved; and requiring the Office to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2024.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 705** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Transportation)**
Chapter 441 **VEHICLE LAWS – CERTIFICATE OF TITLE – SURVIVING
SPOUSE**
- Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from charging a fee for the issuance of a new certificate of title to a surviving spouse under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 709 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 442 **Departmental – Transportation)**

**MOTOR VEHICLES – COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSES AND
INSTRUCTIONAL PERMITS – REVISIONS**

Altering the expiration date for a commercial driver’s instructional permit held by certain individuals; and exempting a holder of a commercial driver’s license who applies for renewal from the requirement to pass a vision test if the holder has a current certificate of physical examination on file with the Motor Vehicle Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 707 **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**
Chapter 443

**OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER – TAXPAYER ADVOCATE
DIVISION**

Establishing the Taxpayer Advocate Division in the Office of the Comptroller to assist taxpayers and their representatives in resolving certain taxpayer problems and complaints and represent taxpayers’ interests in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 660 **The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller), et al**
Chapter 444 **OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER – TAXPAYER ADVOCATE
DIVISION**

Establishing the Taxpayer Advocate Division in the Office of the Comptroller to assist taxpayers and their representatives in resolving certain taxpayer problems and complaints and represent taxpayers’ interests in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 240 **Senator Guzzone (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**
Chapter 445 **INCOME TAX – OUT-OF-STATE TAXES PAID BY
PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES – ADDITION MODIFICATION**

Providing, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, an addition modification under the Maryland income tax for the amount of a certain tax credit claimed for certain taxes paid to another state by a pass-through entity under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 848

Chapter 446

Senator Guzzone, et al

STATEWIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHER PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide vouchers and housing assistance payments for low-income families that are currently on a waiting list under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program for housing in units approved by the Department or a public housing agency, in accordance with guidelines under the federal program; and requiring the Department and public housing agencies to administer the State Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 626

Chapter 447

Delegate Cullison, et al

ANIMAL TESTING AND RESEARCH – HUMAN-RELEVANT RESEARCH FUNDING AND ANIMAL TESTING AND RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Establishing the Human-Relevant Research Fund under the administration of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to provide grants and loans to promote State-funded research intended to develop human-relevant alternatives to using nonhuman animals in medical and product testing and research; requiring, beginning January 15, 2024, research facilities that engage in animal testing or research to pay a contribution, based on a certain number of animals, to the Secretary of Health; providing a civil penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 560

Chapter 448

Senator Guzzone

**ANIMAL TESTING AND RESEARCH – HUMAN–RELEVANT
RESEARCH FUNDING AND ANIMAL TESTING AND RESEARCH
CONTRIBUTIONS**

Establishing the Human–Relevant Research Fund under the administration of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to provide grants and loans to promote State–funded research intended to develop human–relevant alternatives to using nonhuman animals in medical and product testing and research; requiring, beginning January 15, 2024, research facilities that engage in animal testing or research to pay a contribution, based on a certain number of animals, to the Department of Health; providing a civil penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 742

Chapter 449

Senator Smith

**VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS –
ALLOCATION OF VEHICLES**

Requiring that any system operated by a vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch or its affiliate for allocating new vehicles to dealers be reasonable and fair.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1165

Chapter 450

Delegate Wilson

**ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION – TECHNICAL
CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS**

Correcting certain references to the Comptroller of Maryland to be the Executive Director of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, as appropriate; and clarifying certain powers and duties of the Executive Director of the Commission relating to alcoholic beverages regulation and enforcement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 391 **Delegate Healey, et al**

Chapter 451 **VEHICLE LAWS – PARKING ENFORCEMENT – CITATIONS**

Requiring a parking citation issued by a political subdivision, a State agency, or a third-party contractor to include a box that the person issued the citation may check to indicate that the registration plates cited were not issued for the vehicle described in the citation; requiring a political subdivision, State agency, or third-party contractor that receives a parking citation from a person with the box checked to perform a certain verification process and dismiss the citation under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 322 **Senator Beidle, et al**

Chapter 452 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY
LICENSE – FOOD SERVICE**

Authorizing the holder of a Class 4 limited winery license to prepare, sell, or serve any food under certain conditions; altering certain requirements for off-premises and on-premises consumption at a limited winery; and removing the 14-day notice requirement for certain planned promotional events at a limited winery.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 694 **Senator Jennings**

Chapter 453 **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' REAL PROPERTY –
EXCHANGE WITH PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY**

Authorizing the State to exchange real property owned by the State for the use and benefit of the Department of Natural Resources with private real property under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 584

Chapter 454

Delegate Ebersole, et al

INCOME TAX CREDIT – FOOD DONATIONS BY QUALIFIED FARMS – SUNSET REPEAL AND ALTERATIONS (FARMERS FEEDING FAMILIES ACT)

Repealing certain termination provisions for a tax credit against the State income tax for fresh farm and organic fresh farm food donations; altering the amounts of the tax credit from 50% to 100% of the value of an eligible food donation and from 75% to 100% of the value of the donated certified organic produce a qualified farm is eligible to receive under certain circumstances; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 24

Chapter 455

Senator McCray, et al

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – FINANCING AND COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION REVENUE AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS (STATE AND FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT)

Repealing a requirement that the Capital Debt Affordability Committee include certain debt that is secured by future federal aid within its review of State tax supported debt; altering the calculation of the maximum amount of debt secured by future federal aid that the Department of Transportation may issue; providing that the maximum amount of debt that may be issued is calculated as of June 30; establishing the Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 913

Chapter 456

Delegate Lopez, et al

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – STUDENT FINANCING COMPANIES – REQUIRED REGISTRATION AND REPORTING

Requiring student financing companies to register with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation before providing services in the State; requiring a student financing company to renew its registration on an annual basis; authorizing the Commissioner to adopt registration procedures for student financing companies, which may include certain fees; and requiring student financing companies to annually report certain information, to be made publicly accessible on a certain website, to the Commissioner beginning March 15, 2024.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 999

Delegate Fair

Chapter 457

**CORPORATIONS – FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR
DISSOLUTION AND TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION OR
QUALIFICATION – REPEAL**

Repealing certain provisions of law applicable to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that prohibit the acceptance of articles of dissolution and issuance of a certificate of termination for certain corporations unless certain reports on personal property are filed with the Department; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 143

Senator Feldman

Chapter 458

**ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING AND VIRTUAL NET
ENERGY METERING – ACCRUAL OF NET EXCESS
GENERATION (NET METERING FLEXIBILITY ACT)**

Authorizing a certain eligible customer-generator to accrue net excess generation for an indefinite period; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a method for calculating the value of certain accrued net excess generation; and requiring that a subscriber of a community solar energy generating system accrue virtual net excess generation in the same manner as a certain eligible customer-generator.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 963

Delegate Atterbeary

Chapter 459

TAX SALES – DATA COLLECTION – COUNTY FUNDING

Prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from disbursing or authorizing the disbursement of certain funds to a county if the county has not provided certain information concerning its tax sales; altering the taxable year for which the Department is required to obtain certain information concerning county tax sales; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 1188

Chapter 460

Delegate Atterbeary

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND METER AGGREGATION**

Defining “generating station” as it relates to the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity or approval from the Public Service Commission for a person who constructs a generating station that has the capacity to produce more than 2 but not more than 14 megawatts of electricity from a solar photovoltaic system; requiring an electric company to provide meter aggregation for certain eligible customer–generators under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 699

Chapter 461

Senator Augustine, et al

**MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –
EQUITECH GROWTH FUND AND COMMISSION**

Establishing the Equitech Growth Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to support the economic competitiveness and inclusive growth of emerging and advanced industries in the State through the creation of supporting infrastructure assets, resources, and a diverse workforce that builds the strengths of the State’s economy; establishing the Equitech Growth Commission; requiring the Governor in each of fiscal years 2025 through 2033 to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill for awards from the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 781

Chapter 462

Delegate Atterbeary, et al

**MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –
EQUITECH GROWTH FUND AND COMMISSION**

Establishing the Equitech Growth Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to support the economic competitiveness and inclusive growth of emerging and advanced industries in the State through the creation of supporting infrastructure assets, resources, and a diverse workforce that builds the strengths of the State’s economy; establishing the Equitech Growth Commission to create a strategic plan; requiring the Governor in each of fiscal years 2025 through 2033 to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 62

Chapter 463

Delegate Charkoudian

**LAND USE – PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES –
POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AND
UTILITY-DESIGNATED POLLINATOR AREAS**

Prohibiting local jurisdictions from imposing any unreasonable limitations, including land use restrictions, on utility–designated pollinator areas maintained by a public service company under certain conditions; requiring certain public service companies to mow utility designated pollinator areas in a manner which minimizes disturbances to habitats; stating the intent of the General Assembly related to State and local laws regarding weed control and vegetation management by public service companies outside of pollinator areas; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 62

Chapter 464

Senator Augustine

**LAND USE – PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES –
POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AND
UTILITY-DESIGNATED POLLINATOR AREAS**

Prohibiting local jurisdictions from imposing certain limitations and land use restrictions on utility–designated pollinator areas maintained by a public service company under certain conditions; requiring certain public service companies to mow utility–designated pollinator areas in a certain manner in order to minimize disturbances to habitats; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 222

Chapter 465

Senator Augustine, et al

**ENVIRONMENT – STATEWIDE RECYCLING NEEDS
ASSESSMENT AND PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PACKAGING MATERIALS**

Altering the definition of “organics recycling” to include the processing of certain compostable packaging materials in a certain manner; requiring the Department of the Environment to approve a single producer responsibility organization to represent the interests of producers by October 1, 2023; establishing a producer responsibility advisory council to provide advice and make recommendations regarding establishing and implementing a producer responsibility program in the State for packaging materials; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 827

Chapter 466

Delegate Ivey

**PRINCE GEORGE’S GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY –
ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Prince George’s Gateway Development Authority in Prince George’s County to support and develop a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents; and requiring the Authority to report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 696

Chapter 467

Senator Augustine

**PRINCE GEORGE’S GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY –
ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Prince George’s Gateway Development Authority in Prince George’s County to support and develop a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents; and requiring the Authority to report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 442

Chapter 468

Senator Corderman

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT
FACILITIES – FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION**

Altering the amount of taxable or tax exempt bonds that the Maryland Stadium Authority may issue for certain sports entertainment facilities from \$200,000,000 to \$220,000,000; altering the entities from which the Authority is required to have received a request for financing and construction management services concerning a sports entertainment facility; altering the entities with which the Authority is required to enter into an agreement before issuing bonds to finance a sports entertainment facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 865

Chapter 469

Senators Corderman and McKay

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WESTERN MARYLAND
ECONOMIC FUTURE INVESTMENT BOARD AND SENATOR
GEORGE C. EDWARDS FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board; establishing an Executive Director for the Board; and altering the manner in which decisions are made regarding certain proposals for funding.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 768

Chapter 470

Delegate Buckel

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WESTERN MARYLAND
ECONOMIC FUTURE INVESTMENT BOARD AND SENATOR
GEORGE C. EDWARDS FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board; establishing an Executive Director for the Board; and altering the manner in which decisions are made regarding certain proposals for funding.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 922

Chapter 471

Delegates Buckel and Hornberger

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROGRAM PARTICIPATION –
CANNABIS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS**

Prohibiting the Department of Commerce from denying certain cannabis business entities conducting business in the State certain economic development program benefits under certain circumstances; clarifying the eligibility of certain cannabis business entities conducting business in the State under the Job Creation and One Maryland programs; authorizing certain cannabis business entities to reapply for benefits under certain economic development programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 525

Chapter 472

Senator McKay

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROGRAM PARTICIPATION –
CANNABIS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS**

Prohibiting the Department of Commerce from denying certain cannabis business entities conducting business in the State certain economic development program benefits under certain circumstances; clarifying the eligibility of certain cannabis business entities conducting business in the State under the Job Creation and One Maryland programs; authorizing certain cannabis business entities to reapply for benefits under certain economic development programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 671

Chapter 473

Delegate Hinebaugh

**GARRETT COUNTY – BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS –
MEETINGS**

Requiring the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County to meet at least twice a month; authorizing the Board to hold public meetings in person or through live video streaming; and prohibiting the Board from meeting solely through live video streaming for more than two consecutive meetings without a formal declaration of a state of emergency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 524

Senator McKay

Chapter 474

GARRETT COUNTY – BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – MEETINGS

Requiring the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County to meet at least twice a month; authorizing the Board to hold public meetings in person or through live video streaming; and prohibiting the Board from meeting solely through live video streaming for more than two consecutive meetings without a formal declaration of a state of emergency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 53

Senator Kagan

Chapter 475

MARYLAND NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM – NONPROFIT, INTEREST-FREE, MICRO BRIDGE LOAN (NIMBL) ACCOUNT – FUNDING

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2024 or fiscal year 2025 an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program Fund to be used for loans under the Nonprofit, Interest-Free, Micro Bridge Loan (NIMBL) Account; and repealing a requirement that 5% of proceeds from video lottery terminals go to the NIMBL Account.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 182

Delegate Reznik, et al

Chapter 476

REAL PROPERTY – UNLAWFULLY RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS – MODIFICATION BY COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES

Authorizing a county or municipality to execute and record a restrictive covenant modification to an unlawfully restrictive covenant for a property within the boundaries of the county or municipality after providing persons with an ownership interest in the property with 30 days' written notice; and providing that persons with an ownership interest in property that is subject to an unlawfully restrictive covenant may decline action by a county or municipality to execute and record a restrictive covenant modification.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 335

Senator King

Chapter 477

**REAL PROPERTY – UNLAWFULLY RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS
– MODIFICATION BY COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES**

Authorizing a county or municipality to execute and record a restrictive covenant modification to an unlawfully restrictive covenant for a property within the boundaries of the county or municipality after providing persons with an ownership interest in the property with 30 days' written notice; providing that persons with an ownership interest in property that is subject to an unlawfully restrictive covenant may decline action by a county or municipality to execute and record a restrictive covenant with certain notice; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 968

Senators King and Elfreth

Chapter 478

**INCOME TAX – CAPTIVE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS
– ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of "captive REIT" for purposes of a certain addition modification under the Maryland income tax in the amount of the federal dividends paid deduction for captive real estate investment trusts to exclude, under certain circumstances, corporations, trusts, or associations owned or controlled by certain qualified foreign entities and certain trusts owned or controlled by a listed Australian property trust.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 289

Delegate Stein, et al

Chapter 479

**MARYLAND FORESTRY EDUCATION FUND –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Forestry Education Fund to expand and enhance the Maryland Forestry Foundation's capacity to provide certain education and resources to forest landowners, the ability of district forestry boards and the knowledge of local governments to achieve healthy and sustainable forests, and the ability of businesses to test innovative best management practices in forestry; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill \$250,000 for the Fund in fiscal years 2025 and 2026.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 282

Chapter 480

Senator King, et al

MARYLAND FORESTRY EDUCATION FUND –
ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Forestry Education Fund to expand and enhance the Maryland Forestry Foundation's capacity to provide certain education and resources to forest landowners, the ability of district forestry boards and the knowledge of local governments to achieve healthy and sustainable forests, and the ability of businesses to test innovative best management practices in forestry; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill \$250,000 for the Fund in fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 36

Chapter 481

Delegate Lehman, et al

REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS TO REPOSSESS – PROOF OF
RENTAL LICENSURE

Requiring, in certain actions to repossess residential rental property, a landlord to submit to the clerk of the court evidence of compliance with local rental property licensure requirements and demonstrate that the landlord is compliant with the licensure requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 100

Chapter 482

Senator Hettleman

REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS TO REPOSSESS – PROOF OF
RENTAL LICENSURE

Requiring, in certain actions to repossess residential rental property, a landlord to submit to the clerk of the court evidence of compliance with certain local rental property licensure requirements and demonstrate that the landlord is compliant with the licensure requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

- SB 617** **Senator Hettleman, et al**
Chapter 483 MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FARE PRICE REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS
- Repealing certain requirements that the Maryland Transit Administration increase fares for certain transit services according to the Consumer Price Index; and repealing certain provisions prohibiting the Administration from increasing fares under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 673** **Delegate Edelson, et al**
Chapter 484 MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FARE PRICE REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS
- Repealing certain requirements that the Maryland Transit Administration increase fares for certain transit services according to the Consumer Price Index; and repealing certain provisions prohibiting the Administration from increasing fares under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 158** **Senator Hettleman**
Chapter 485 PESTICIDES – PFAS TESTING – STUDY
- Requiring the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with certain State and federal agencies, to study the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in pesticides in the State; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before November 1, 2023.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 319 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 486 **PESTICIDES – PFAS TESTING – STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with certain State and federal agencies, to study the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in pesticides in the State; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before November 1, 2023.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 503 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 487 **NATURAL RESOURCES – GREENSPACE EQUITY PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Greenspace Equity Program in the Department of Natural Resources to provide grants to eligible applicants for enhancing the public health and livability of overburdened and underserved communities by implementing projects to preserve, create, and enhance community greenspace; requiring the Department to submit certain grant applications to the Maryland State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance; requiring certain grant applications to be subject to approval by the Board of Public Works; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 102 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 488 **REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS FOR POSSESSION – PET PROTECTIONS**

Requiring the Department of Agriculture to publish a fact sheet on the protection of pets in the event of an eviction or any other loss of possession of real property; requiring a landlord to provide a link to the fact sheet on the Department's website at the execution of a lease on or after November 1, 2023; requiring the Maryland Judiciary to provide a link to the fact sheet at certain times; requiring a sheriff or any other official to return a pet to a tenant or certain other person or to contact an animal shelter or rescue organization; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 950

Chapter 489

Delegate Stein, et al

MARYLAND NATIVE PLANTS PROGRAM

Establishing the Maryland Native Plants Program to respond to the increasing demand for, use of, and sale of native plants at retail garden centers and wholesale nurseries and to educate the public on native plants; requiring the Department of Agriculture to administer the Program in coordination with the University of Maryland Extension and to establish the “Maryland Natives” marketing program; requiring the University of Maryland Extension to hire an extension agent to serve as a native plant specialist for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 836

Chapter 490

Senator Brooks

MARYLAND NATIVE PLANTS PROGRAM

Establishing the Maryland Native Plants Program to respond to the increasing demand for, use of, and sale of plants native to Maryland by retail garden centers and retail and wholesale nurseries and to educate the public on native plants; requiring the Department of Agriculture to administer the Program in coordination with the University of Maryland Extension; requiring the University of Maryland Extension to hire an extension agent to serve as a native plant specialist for certain educational purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 188

Chapter 491

Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

**NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
– MEMBERSHIP**

Increasing the membership of the Wildlife Advisory Commission; requiring the Governor to appoint a member to the Wildlife Advisory Commission who is an academic researcher with expertise in wildlife biology, wildlife conservation, wildlife management, or ecology; and requiring the membership of the Commission to include representation from the farming, hunting, wildlife preservation, and passive wildlife recreation communities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

- SB 320**
Chapter 492 **Senator Brooks, et al**
NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
– MEMBERSHIP
- Increasing the membership of the Wildlife Advisory Commission; requiring the Governor to appoint a member to the Wildlife Advisory Commission who is an academic researcher with expertise in wildlife biology, wildlife conservation, wildlife management, or ecology; and requiring the membership of the Commission to include representation from the hunting, wildlife preservation, and passive wildlife recreation communities.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- SB 922**
Chapter 493 **Senator Rosapepe, et al**
MARYLAND CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION AND INNOVATION
FUND – FUNDING – ALTERATION
- Increasing the mandated appropriation that the Governor is required to include for the Maryland Construction Education and Innovation Fund in the annual budget bill from \$250,000 to \$625,000 for fiscal years 2025 through 2029.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 273**
Chapter 494 **Senator Zucker, et al**
NATIONAL CAPITAL STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FUND – ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZED USES
- Altering the amount of a certain appropriation the Governor is required to make for the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund; and repealing a provision of law requiring 100% of the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund to be used for community enhancement projects in sustainable communities located, at least in part, within the boundary created by Interstate 495 in the State and the District of Columbia beginning in fiscal year 2024.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 312 **Senator Zucker, et al**

Chapter 495 **TAX CLINICS FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLANDERS – FUNDING
– REPEAL OF SUNSET**

Repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law requiring the Comptroller to distribute a certain amount of certain abandoned property funds to the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders Fund which provides grants to the University of Maryland School of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service to operate tax clinics for low-income Maryland residents.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 346 **Delegate Rosenberg**

Chapter 496 **TAX CLINICS FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLANDERS – FUNDING
– REPEAL OF SUNSET**

Repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law requiring the Comptroller to distribute a certain amount of certain abandoned property funds to the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders Fund which provides grants to the University of Maryland School of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service to operate tax clinics for low-income Maryland residents.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 911 **Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 497 **NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING LICENSES AND STAMPS –
EXEMPTIONS**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue an annual fishing license and stamp exemption to governmental entities and nonprofit organizations to provide fishing clinics and instructional opportunities to certain individuals; and altering certain reporting requirements for governmental entities and nonprofit organizations that are issued certain fishing license and stamp exemptions.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 622

Chapter 498

Delegate Qi, et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – INDUSTRY 4.0 TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM

Establishing the Industry 4.0 Technology Grant Program in the Department of Commerce to provide grants to certain small and medium-sized manufacturing enterprises to assist those manufacturers with implementing new Industry 4.0 technology or related infrastructure for certain purposes; establishing the Industry 4.0 Technology Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; and requiring the Governor to include in the budget bill for fiscal years 2025 through 2028 an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Fund.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 969

Chapter 499

Delegate Qi

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – CYBERSECURITY STAFFING AND ASSESSMENTS (CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CYBERSECURITY ACT OF 2023)

Requiring the Public Service Commission to include on its staff one or more employees that are experts in cybersecurity to perform certain duties; requiring the Commission to establish, in coordination with the Office of Security Management, cybersecurity standards and best practices for regulated entities; requiring each public service company to report a cybersecurity incident to certain entities; requiring the State Security Operations Center to immediately notify certain agencies of a certain reported cybersecurity incident; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 685

Chapter 500

Senator Waldstreicher

VEHICLE LAWS – AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE CONVERTERS – SALE OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

Authorizing an autonomous vehicle converter to sell, transfer, lease, offer for sale, or resell a converted autonomous vehicle or a motor vehicle purchased with the intent to convert the motor vehicle into a converted autonomous vehicle; establishing that certain portions of the Act apply only to motor vehicles intended for commercial or industrial use; and prohibiting an autonomous vehicle converter from holding certain occupational vehicle licenses issued under the Maryland Vehicle Law.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 806

Chapter 501

Delegate Qi

**VEHICLE LAWS – AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE CONVERTERS –
SALE OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES**

Authorizing an autonomous vehicle converter to sell, transfer, lease, offer for sale, or resell a converted autonomous vehicle or a motor vehicle purchased with the intent to convert the motor vehicle into a converted autonomous vehicle; establishing that certain portions of the Act apply only to motor vehicles intended for commercial or industrial use; and prohibiting an autonomous vehicle converter from holding certain occupational vehicle licenses issued under the Maryland Vehicle Law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 1049

Chapter 502

Delegate Bridges

**TRANSPORTATION – ASSAULTS ON PUBLIC TRANSIT
OPERATORS – REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to submit a report by December 1, 2023, and each year thereafter on assaults on public transit operators to each local executive authority, the State's Attorney for each county, and certain committees of the General Assembly; and requiring the report to include information on the nature of each assault, the mode of transit involved, the location of the assault, whether the police were involved, and the outcome of any investigation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 693

Chapter 503

Senator Waldstreicher

**TRANSPORTATION – ASSAULTS ON PUBLIC TRANSIT
OPERATORS – REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to submit an annual report on assaults on public transit operators to certain persons; and requiring the report to include information for the immediately preceding 12 months on the nature of each assault, the mode of transit involved, the location of each assault, whether the police were involved in responding to each assault, and the outcome of any investigation, a comparison of the aggregate data with at least two other states, and a review of current transit industry best practices.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 794 **Delegate Bridges**

Chapter 504 **BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMISSION –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Transit Commission to review and comment on annual budget requests of the Maryland Transit Administration, updates to the Central Maryland Transportation Plan, and certain annual reports and to perform other oversight and advocacy duties related to Baltimore region transit services; and requiring the Commission, by December 1 each year, to report its findings and recommendations on the Baltimore region transit systems to the Administration, the Governor, and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 944 **Senator Waldstreicher**

Chapter 505 **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – WARNER MANOR IN THE
TOWN OF KENSINGTON – EXTINGUISHMENT OR
TERMINATION OF EASEMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Historical Trust, on or before July 1, 2023, to extinguish or terminate a certain easement the Trust holds in the parcel of land known as Warner Manor (also known as Brainard Warner House and/or Circle Manor) in the Town of Kensington, Montgomery County; and requiring the Trust to complete certain necessary recordings and filings to complete the extinguishment or termination of the easement.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 157 **Senator Waldstreicher**

Chapter 506 **MUNICIPALITIES – CHARTER AMENDMENTS – NOTICE**

Modifying the manner in which the chief executive officer of a municipality may fulfill certain notice requirements concerning proposed municipal charter amendments; requiring the chief executive officer of a municipality to post an exact copy of the proposed amendment in a certain public place for at least 40 days immediately preceding the referendum at which the question is to be submitted; and requiring the municipality to maintain certain records or receipts and make the records or receipts available to the public.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 104 **Delegate Solomon**

Chapter 507 **MUNICIPALITIES – CHARTER AMENDMENTS – NOTICE**

Modifying the manner in which the chief executive officer of a municipality may fulfill certain notice requirements concerning proposed municipal charter amendments; and requiring the municipality to maintain certain records or receipts and make the records or receipts available to the public.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1125 **Delegate Solomon, et al**

Chapter 508 **TRANSIT – GRANT FUNDING FOR LOCAL SERVICE – ALTERATIONS**

Establishing the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program in the Department of Transportation; and authorizing program funds to be sourced from federal and State public transportation programs.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 1004 **Wicomico County Delegation**

Chapter 509 **WICOMICO COUNTY – SANITARY DISTRICT – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County to create a sanitary district.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 246 **Senators Carozza and Mautz**

Chapter 510 **WICOMICO COUNTY – SANITARY DISTRICT – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County to create a sanitary district.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 823

Senator Carozza, et al

Chapter 511

**NATURAL RESOURCES – ANNUAL STATE PARK PASS –
DISCOUNTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST
RESPONDERS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to provide a discount of at least \$40 on annual State park passes for all first responders and law enforcement officers who are Maryland residents.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 12

Delegate J. Lewis

Chapter 512

**EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE TRANSIT-ORIENTED
DEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT**

Repealing the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to designate transit-oriented development; establishing the Transit-Oriented Development Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund to promote the equitable and inclusive development of transit-oriented developments; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use the Fund to provide financial assistance to local jurisdictions; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an amount sufficient to ensure a Fund balance of at least \$5,000,000; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 2

Delegate J. Lewis

Chapter 513

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – UNION DUES

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain union dues paid during the taxable year; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 128

Chapter 514

Delegate Crosby

**PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY
INSURANCE – ENHANCED UNDERINSURED MOTORIST
COVERAGE – OPT-OUT OPTION**

Converting enhanced underinsured motorist coverage from an opt-in offering of coverage into an opt-out coverage option under provisions of law establishing requirements for private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a study on the impact of converting enhanced underinsured motorist coverage to an opt-out coverage option and report its findings to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2026, and December 31, 2028; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 692

Chapter 515

Delegate Crosby

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – LOCAL PERMITS**

Establishing that a county or a municipal corporation has the authority to approve or deny any local permit required under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Public Service Commission for generating stations, transmission lines, and qualified generator lead lines; requiring a county or municipal corporation to approve or deny the local permits in a certain manner; prohibiting a county or municipal corporation from conditioning the approval of the local permits on certain approvals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1225

Chapter 516

Delegate Howard

**REAL ESTATE BROKERS – DISABILITY OR DEATH AND
TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF A BROKER**

Requiring an adult family member to submit a death certificate or evidence of disability to the State Real Estate Commission before the family member may carry on the business of a disabled or deceased licensed real estate broker; permitting a certain business to designate a licensed real estate broker to provide real estate brokerage services under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 90

Chapter 517

Delegate Foley, et al

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REGULATORY POWERS –
REGULATION OF INVASIVE BAMBOO**

Authorizing the governing bodies of counties and municipalities to adopt ordinances to regulate invasive bamboo, including by prohibiting a person from selling, planting, and allowing invasive bamboo to grow on the property of the person without proper upkeep and appropriate containment measures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 262

Chapter 518

Delegate Foley

**ABANDONED VEHICLES – SECURED PARTIES – ELECTRONIC
NOTIFICATION**

Authorizing a police department that takes an abandoned vehicle into custody to notify any secured party electronically if that form of notice is agreed to by the police department, the tower, and the secured party in a certain manner; and altering the application of a provision of law authorizing a police department to provide certain alternative public notice of custody of an abandoned vehicle to include circumstances where electronic notice is unacknowledged or undeliverable.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 152

Chapter 519

Delegate Wells, et al

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – URBAN AGRICULTURE
GRANT PROGRAMS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the purpose and contents of and the requirements and qualifications under the Urban Agriculture Grant Fund; requiring the Governor, in each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029, to include at least \$100,000 for the Fund in the annual budget bill; establishing the Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee to recommend guidelines, policies, and practices for the implementation of the Grant Program; and requiring the Advisory Committee to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 262

Chapter 520

Senator Gallion, et al

**ENVIRONMENT – ON–FARM COMPOSTING FACILITIES –
PERMIT EXEMPTION**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to exempt an on–farm composting facility from the requirement to obtain a permit if the on–farm composting facility uses 10,000 square feet of area or less for active food scrap composting, composts only certain materials, records the amount and source of off–site type 2 organics composted and the date and time the off–site type 2 organics arrived on the farm, retains the records for 5 years, provides records on request, and meets any other condition for a permit exemption; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 253

Chapter 521

Delegate Shetty, et al

**ENVIRONMENT – ON–FARM COMPOSTING FACILITIES –
PERMIT EXEMPTION**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to exempt an on–farm composting facility from the requirement to obtain a permit if the on–farm composting facility uses 10,000 square feet of area or less for active food scrap composting, composts only certain materials, records the amount and source of off–site type 2 organics composted and the date and time the off–site type 2 organics arrived on the farm, retains the records for 5 years, provides records on request, and meets any other condition for a permit exemption; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 471

Chapter 522

Delegate Attar

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REGIONAL INSTITUTION
STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS
AND FINANCING

Altering the period of time that an area may be designated as a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) zone from 5 to 10 years; increasing the number of RISE zones that the Secretary of Commerce may approve in Baltimore City to not more than four; extending the termination date of the RISE Program to January 1, 2030; and authorizing a political subdivision to pledge certain revenues to secure the payment of obligations to the Maryland Economic Development Corporation for infrastructure improvements located in a RISE zone.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 333

Chapter 523

Senators Hayes and Guzzone

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REGIONAL INSTITUTION
STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS
AND FINANCING

Altering the period of time, from 5 to 10 years, that an area may be designated as a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) zone; increasing the number of RISE zones that the Secretary of Commerce may approve in Baltimore City; extending the termination date of the RISE Zone Program to January 1, 2030; requiring the Department of Commerce to study the effectiveness of the RISE Zone Program and report to the General Assembly, on or before December 15, 2024, on the Department's recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 371

Chapter 524

Senator Hayes

BALTIMORE CITY – COMMERCIAL USE – DEFINITION

Defining “commercial use” in Baltimore City to include multifamily residential development if the development is located within a waterfront commercial zoning district and within a 0.50-mile radius of a commuter rail station.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 579

Senator Hayes

Chapter 525

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – SERVICE AGREEMENTS – PROHIBITIONS

Prohibiting certain service agreement for maintenance, purchase, or sale of residential property from containing certain provisions; and prohibiting the recordation of service agreements prohibited under the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 827

Senator Hayes

Chapter 526

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS, APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, AND HOME INSPECTORS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission; and requiring an independent evaluation of the Commission to be conducted in consultation with the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in the Department of Legislative Services.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 909

Delegate Holmes

Chapter 527

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS, APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, AND HOME INSPECTORS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission; and requiring an independent evaluation of the Commission to be conducted in consultation with the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in the Department of Legislative Services.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 826

Senator Hayes

Chapter 528

**HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED
HOMEOWNER – APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION
REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the application requirements for the homeowners' tax credit to allow homeowners with certain types of income to file an application only in the first year the qualified homeowner applies for the credit and every third year thereafter, subject to a certain certification requirement.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 897

Delegate Feldmark, et al

Chapter 529

**HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED
HOMEOWNER – APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION
REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the application requirements for the homeowners' tax credit to allow homeowners with certain types of income to file an application every 3 years, subject to a certain certification requirement; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 404

Delegate Feldmark, et al

Chapter 530

**PROPERTY TAX – LOCAL HOMEOWNERS' CREDIT
SUPPLEMENT – LIMITATION ON COMBINED GROSS INCOME**

Authorizing counties and municipal corporations to alter a certain limitation on the combined gross income of a homeowner for purposes of a local supplement to the homeowners' property tax credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 114

Chapter 531

Senator Hayes

**PROPERTY TAX – REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT AND
TAX RATE INCREASES – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring certain notices relating to increases in property assessments; altering certain notice requirements relating to the intention of a county or municipal corporation to set a certain real property tax rate that exceeds the constant yield tax rate and requiring instead certain notice when a county or municipal corporation intends to increase its real property tax rate.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 1096

Chapter 532

Delegate Nawrocki, et al

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – REAL
PROPERTY OWNED BY FIRE COMPANY OR RESCUE SQUAD**

Altering a certain exemption from property tax for real property that is located in Baltimore County that is owned by an incorporated, nonprofit fire company or rescue squad by providing that the exemption applies only if the property is used or will be used exclusively for the purposes of the fire company or rescue squad; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 508

Chapter 533

Delegate D. Jones, et al

**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS – DEFINITION AND
ELIGIBILITY**

Requiring a county or municipal corporation to define, by law, who is a law enforcement officer or rescue worker; altering eligibility for the tax credit to include certain disabled law enforcement officers or rescue workers who were domiciled in the State as, or any time within the 5 years before the officer or worker died or was determined to be disabled; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 435

Chapter 534

Senator Klausmeier

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS – DEFINITION AND ELIGIBILITY

Requiring a county or municipal corporation to define, by law, who is a law enforcement officer or rescue worker; and altering eligibility for the tax credit to include certain disabled law enforcement officers or rescue workers who were domiciled in the State within a certain number of years before the officer or worker died or was determined to be disabled; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 530

Chapter 535

Senators Klausmeier and McCray

INSURANCE – MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – ASSESSMENTS

Altering the formula for the calculation of certain assessments by the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund; requiring the Board of Trustees of the Fund, under certain circumstances, to authorize the Fund to withdraw certain amounts from the money held by the Fund from a prior overassessment; prohibiting members of the Industry Automobile Insurance Association from being subject to an annual assessment under certain circumstances; requiring in a certain fiscal year that additional funds be allocated to the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 466

Chapter 536

Delegate Otto

WORCESTER COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Worcester County to hunt game birds and game mammals on a Sunday, subject to certain time restrictions, during the open season for that game bird or game mammal; authorizing the Department to allow a person in Worcester County to hunt on public land designated for hunting on Sundays, subject to certain time restrictions; and altering the safety zone from 150 to 50 yards from certain buildings occupied by human beings within which archery hunting may not take place.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 465 **Delegates Otto and Jacobs**

Chapter 537 **NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL CRABBING GEAR –
INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS**

Authorizing an individual under the age of 16 years to use a collapsible trap, net ring, handline, or dip net when catching or attempting to catch crabs in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries without a recreational crabbing license.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 102 **Senator Bailey**

Chapter 538 **NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL CRABBING GEAR –
INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS**

Authorizing an individual under the age of 16 years to use a collapsible trap, net ring, handline, or dip net, as described by the Department of Natural Resources in regulations, when catching or attempting to catch crabs in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries without a recreational crabbing license.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 275 **Senator Bailey**

Chapter 539 **HUNTING – SNARES, TRAPS, AND OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES –
IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a person who is not required to be licensed or permitted under certain provisions of law to obtain a free Department of Natural Resources identification number before using a snare, a trap, or another similar device to capture wildlife; and requiring a person who uses a snare, a trap, or another similar device to capture wildlife to ensure the person's Department identification number is stamped on the device or on a metal tag affixed to the device.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 406

Chapter 540

Delegate Love, et al

HUNTING – SNARES, TRAPS, AND OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES – IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Requiring a person who is not required to be licensed or permitted under certain provisions of law to obtain a free Department of Natural Resources identification number before using a snare, a trap, or another similar device to capture wildlife; and requiring a person who uses a snare, a trap, or another similar device to capture wildlife to ensure the person's Department identification number is stamped on the device or on a metal tag affixed to the device.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 723

Chapter 541

Delegate Love, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST PRESERVATION AND RETENTION

Altering the definition of “qualified conservation” for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; altering certain methods of calculating forest afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; authorizing local jurisdictions to adopt certain alternative afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a workgroup to evaluate and recommend incentives for private landowners to conserve forest; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 526

Chapter 542

Senator Elfreth, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST PRESERVATION AND RETENTION

Altering the definition of “qualified conservation” for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; altering exemptions from certain afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; altering certain methods of calculating forest afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; adding certain tree plantings and practices as methods that certain municipal corporations may use to meet afforestation or reforestation requirements; providing for judicial review of certain plans; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 327

Chapter 543

Senator Elfreth, et al

HUNTING, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION – FUNDING, PROMOTION, MANAGEMENT, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND STAMPS

Altering the purpose of the Heritage Conservation Fund to include acquiring interests in land that can be used by the general public for hunting; establishing the Wildlife Conservation, Education, and Outreach Program to provide outreach and foster an interest in outdoor recreation and stewardship, hunting, and wildlife conservation; establishing a stamp for hunting sika deer; authorizing a nonresident attending a college or university in the State to purchase a resident hunting license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 983

Chapter 544

Delegate Allen, et al

HUNTING, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION – FUNDING, PROMOTION, MANAGEMENT, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND STAMPS

Altering the purpose of the Heritage Conservation Fund to include acquiring interests in land that can be used by the general public for hunting; establishing the Wildlife Conservation, Education, and Outreach Program to provide outreach and foster an interest in outdoor recreation and stewardship, hunting, and wildlife conservation; establishing a stamp for hunting sika deer; authorizing a nonresident attending a college or university in the State to purchase a resident hunting license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 469

Chapter 545

Senators Elfreth and Guzzone

TASK FORCE TO STUDY SOLAR INCENTIVES

Establishing the Task Force to Study Solar Incentives to study the types and impact of solar energy incentives and make recommendations regarding measures and incentives needed to ensure that the State meets the solar energy goals established in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard, minority business participation, the creation of good quality jobs, equitable access to renewable energy, and efficient use of land; and requiring the Task Force to submit its report to the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 470

Chapter 546

Senator Elfreth, et al

**NATURAL RESOURCES – LAND CONSERVATION –
ESTABLISHMENT OF GOALS AND PROGRAMS (MARYLAND
THE BEAUTIFUL ACT)**

Establishing certain goals and programs related to land conservation; establishing the Local Land Trust Revolving Loan Program to provide loans to land trusts to purchase land for conservation purposes; authorizing the Maryland Environmental Trust to exercise certain remedies under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from making any false statements affecting a Local Land Trust Revolving Loan Program loan; establishing the 40 x 40 Land Conservation Implementation Grant Program to support land conservation goals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 471

Chapter 547

Senator Elfreth

**SEDIMENT CONTROL PLANS, DISCHARGE PERMITS FOR
STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITY, AND NOTICE AND COMMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to review and update specifications for sediment control plans in a certain manner on or before December 1, 2025, and every 5 years thereafter; prohibiting the Department from authorizing the discharge of stormwater associated with construction activity under a general discharge permit unless certain requirements are satisfied; and requiring the Department to take certain public notice and comment actions if a person makes a written request within the public notification period of the permit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 167

Chapter 548

Senator Elfreth, et al

MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL – FUNDING

Clarifying the calculation for certain funding for the Maryland State Arts Council for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter; repealing a certain requirement for certain funds distributed to the Maryland State Arts Council to be included in the Council's prior fiscal year appropriation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 650

Chapter 549

Senator Elfreth, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

Establishing the State Disaster Recovery Fund to provide disaster recovery assistance to units of local government for individuals and families and for the repair, restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of public facilities, low-interest or no-interest loans to businesses and nonprofits when a federal disaster declaration is not received, and disaster-related assistance for the unmet needs of individuals and families after a federal disaster declaration or in the event of a certain denial of federal assistance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 141

Chapter 550

Senator Elfreth, et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR ADOPTION EXPENSES – ALTERATIONS

Altering eligibility for and the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for a taxpayer who adopts a child during the taxable year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 180

Chapter 551

Delegate Reznik, et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR ADOPTION EXPENSES – ALTERATIONS

Altering eligibility for and the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for a taxpayer who adopts a child during the taxable year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 483

Chapter 552

Delegate Simmons, et al

GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OR DRUNK OR DRUGGED OPERATION OF VEHICLE OR VESSEL – PRIOR CONVICTIONS

Establishing that certain previous convictions for drunk or drugged operation of a vehicle or vessel and grossly negligent manslaughter by vehicle or vessel under certain provisions of law constitute prior convictions for the purpose of determining certain enhanced subsequent offender penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 74

Chapter 553

Senator Bailey

GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OR DRUNK OR DRUGGED OPERATION OF VEHICLE OR VESSEL – PRIOR CONVICTIONS

Establishing that certain previous convictions for drunk or drugged operation of a vehicle or vessel and grossly negligent manslaughter by vehicle or vessel under certain provisions of law constitute prior convictions for the purpose of determining certain enhanced subsequent offender penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 91

Chapter 554

Senator Bailey

NATURAL RESOURCES – APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue an apprentice hunting license to a person under the age of 17 years who has previously been issued an apprentice hunting license under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 683

Chapter 555

Delegate T. Morgan, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue an apprentice hunting license to a person under the age of 17 years who has previously been issued an apprentice hunting license under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 696

Chapter 556

Delegate Addison

NATURAL RESOURCES – BLACK BASS CONSERVATION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Black Bass Conservation Fund in the Department of Natural Resources to further black bass management; requiring the Department to administer the Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; and requiring the Department to establish a process through which an individual who purchases a certain license online to make a voluntary donation to the Black Bass Conservation Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 422

Senator Bailey, et al

Chapter 557

**NATURAL RESOURCES – BLACK BASS CONSERVATION FUND
– ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Black Bass Conservation Fund in the Department of Natural Resources as a special, nonlapsing fund to further black bass management; requiring the Department to administer the Fund; requiring the Department to establish a process through which an individual who purchases a certain license online may make a voluntary donation to the Fund; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 10

Senators Bailey and Hester

Chapter 558

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – DOCUMENTS –
DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC ISSUANCE**

Expanding the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources make available and issue certain licenses and stamps in a digital or electronic format; and providing that, if the Department cannot issue certain licenses, stamps, permits, registrations, or certificates in a digital or electronic format because of federal restrictions, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department issue certain licenses, stamps, permits, registrations, or certificates in a digital or electronic format whenever the federal restrictions are eliminated.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 61

Senator Bailey, et al

Chapter 559

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

Repealing the definition of “public safety officer” for purposes of a certain credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a dwelling owned by a public safety officer; repealing a certain limitation on the amount of the credit; requiring the governing body of a county or municipal corporation that authorizes the credit to establish, by law, the definition of “public safety officer” for purposes of eligibility for the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 209

Chapter 560

Delegate Watson

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – REVISIONS

Altering certain provisions governing the issuance of stock, convertible securities, and scrip; clarifying the authority of corporations to hold annual meetings by remote communication; clarifying the application of certain provisions of law to the conversion of a corporation; requiring a real estate investment trust that voluntarily dissolves to file a notice of termination with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 920

Chapter 561

Delegate Watson

CONSUMER PROTECTION – MOTOR VEHICLE GLASS REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT – ADVANCED DRIVER ASSISTANCE SYSTEM RECALIBRATION

Establishing consumer protections related to the repair or replacement of motor vehicle glass on motor vehicles equipped with an advanced driver assistance system; and establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 914

Chapter 562

Delegate Jackson

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – JUDICIAL REVIEW – PROCEEDINGS

Clarifying that a certain proceeding for judicial review of a final decision or order by the Public Service Commission may be instituted in a circuit court for a county in which the public service company that is a party to the proceeding provides service or in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 48

Chapter 563

Senator Lam

**DISASTER SERVICE AND UNIFORMED SERVICES LEAVE
MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023**

Adding certain State employees to certain provisions of law authorizing disaster service leave with pay; authorizing certain appointing authorities to waive certain requirements for disaster service leave and to increase the number of days of disaster service leave under certain circumstances; defining “uniformed services” for the purpose of adding certain individuals to certain provisions of law relating to certain paid leave and military administrative leave; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 162

Chapter 564

Senator Lam, et al

**MARYLAND AVIATION COMMISSION – DUTIES,
COMPOSITION, AND MEMBER ORIENTATION**

Requiring the Maryland Aviation Commission to consider information and advice from certain additional stakeholders when carrying out the Commission’s duties; requiring the Commission to consider the aviation, economic, business, environmental, health, and community–related impacts or any other impacts the Commission finds relevant; requiring that certain members of the Commission appointed by the Governor are to be recommended by the Anne Arundel County and Howard County Senate delegations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 310

Chapter 565

Senators West and McKay

**NATURAL RESOURCES – BLACK BEAR DAMAGE PREVENTION
AND REIMBURSEMENT FUND – USES**

Altering the Black Bear Damage Reimbursement Fund to authorize grants from the Fund to be made for projects that prevent damages caused by black bears and reduce conflicts between black bears and humans; renaming the Fund to be the Black Bear Damage Prevention and Reimbursement Fund; increasing the maximum amount of reimbursement from the Fund per person annually authorized for damage caused by black bears to \$5,000; authorizing the Governor to include at least \$50,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 630

Chapter 566

Delegate Queen, et al

UTILITY ACCOUNT HOLDERS – VICTIMS OF ABUSE – PROTECTIONS

Authorizing an account holder who is the victim of abuse to terminate, and requiring a utility to allow for the termination of, the account holder's future liability under a utility contract if the account holder provides the utility with certain written notice requesting termination of the account holder's future liability under the contract; requiring a utility to allow an account holder who terminates a utility contract under the Act to open a new utility account notwithstanding a certain account balance or arrearage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 686

Chapter 567

Delegate Queen

FINANCIAL REGULATION – MODERNIZING LICENSING OF NON-DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS AND ELIMINATION OF BRANCH LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Eliminating requirements for collection agencies and certain non-depository financial institutions to maintain separate licenses for branch locations and authorizing them to conduct business at multiple licensed locations under a single license; and altering certain other requirements and provisions governing the licensing and regulation of collection agencies and certain non-depository financial institutions, including applications, assessments, and bond requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 1150

Chapter 568

Delegate Queen

COMMERCIAL LAW AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CREDIT REGULATION – SHARED APPRECIATION AGREEMENTS

Making certain shared appreciation agreements subject to the Maryland Mortgage Lender Law and other provisions of law that regulate certain loans of single extensions of closed end credit and revolving credit plans; and authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to adopt certain regulations regarding the enforcement of and compliance with provisions of law that regulate shared appreciation agreements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 834 **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al**

Chapter 569

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE –
REQUIREMENTS (ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING
RELIABILITY ACT)**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to expand the EV Pilot Program to allow participating electric companies to install EV charging stations in multifamily dwellings in underserved communities; requiring the Commission to terminate the expansion of the EV Pilot Program on December 31, 2025; requiring an electric company operating an EV charging network to ensure the EV charging stations in the EV charging network maintain certain uptime standards, subject to certain exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 910 **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al**

Chapter 570

**ENERGY STORAGE – TARGETS AND MARYLAND ENERGY
STORAGE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish certain targets for the deployment of new energy storage devices in the State; requiring the Commission to establish and implement the Maryland Energy Storage Program to meet certain energy storage goals and develop a certain energy storage system in the State; and requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2023, regarding the implementation of the Maryland Energy Storage Program and any needed statutory changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 70 **Delegate Charkoudian**

Chapter 571

SAFE ACCESS FOR ALL (SAFE) ROADS ACT OF 2023

Requiring the Department of Transportation to implement all possible incremental near-term safety improvements as soon as practicable if a new approved pedestrian or bicycle safety construction or improvement project is projected to take more than 12 months to complete.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 169

Chapter 572

Delegate Charkoudian

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS – ENERGY PERFORMANCE
TARGETS AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to procure or provide for electricity customers energy efficiency and conservation programs and services designed to achieve certain target annual incremental gross energy savings for the 2024–2026 program cycle; establishing the Green and Healthy Task Force to develop policy and statutory recommendations to eliminate barriers to low-income households achieving, energy-efficient, affordable, and low-emissions housing; requiring an annual report beginning July 1, 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 32

Chapter 573

Delegate Charkoudian

MARYLAND FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCY COUNCIL

Establishing that the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council is in the Office of Resilience in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; and altering the process for electing a cochair of the Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 124

Chapter 574

Senator Hester, et al

MARYLAND FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCY COUNCIL

Establishing that the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council is in the Office of Resilience in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; altering the membership of the Council to include a representative of the seafood industry; altering the process for electing a cochair of the Council; and requiring the Department to provide staff for the Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 386 **Senators Hester and Bailey**

Chapter 575 **CERTIFIED LOCAL FARM AND FISH PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Program to be the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program; expanding the purpose of the Program to include food from certified Chesapeake invasive species providers in the overall percentage goal for certain procurement contracts; altering the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Food Aggregation Grant Fund to be the Certified Local Farm and Fish Food Aggregation Grant Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 63 **Delegate Charkoudian, et al**

Chapter 576 **CERTIFIED LOCAL FARM AND FISH PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Program to be the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program; expanding the purpose of the Program to include food from certified Chesapeake invasive species providers in the overall percentage goal of 20% of the unit's total dollar value for certain procurement contracts; and altering the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Food Aggregation Grant Fund to be the Certified Local Farm and Fish Food Aggregation Grant Fund.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 830 **Senator Hester**

Chapter 577 **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS AND WELL AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS PERMITTING – STUDIES (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS SUPPORT ACT OF 2023)**

Requiring the Department of the Environment and the Maryland Department of Health, in conjunction with the Board of Environmental Health Specialists, to conduct a study on staffing needs for environmental health specialists in local health departments; requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services and the University of Maryland Agriculture and Food Systems Extension Program, to study the delegation of well and septic systems permitting authority; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 801 **Senators Hester and Jennings**

Chapter 578 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CYBERSECURITY – CYBER
MARYLAND PROGRAM**

Establishing the Cyber Maryland Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to create and execute a talent pipeline that materially reduces workforce vacancies by July 1, 2026, build an advanced cybersecurity workforce, and carry out other purposes related to the cybersecurity workforce in the State; establishing the Cyber Maryland Fund; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation of \$250,000 for the Fund in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 256 **Senator Hester, et al**

Chapter 579 **ENVIRONMENT – FIRE–FIGHTING TRAINING – ORIENTED
STRAND BOARD – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the setting on fire or burning of oriented strand board for certain fire–fighting training; and establishing an administrative penalty not exceeding \$500 for a first violation of the Act and a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for a second or subsequent violation of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 470 **Delegate Hill, et al**

Chapter 580 **ENVIRONMENT – FIRE–FIGHTING TRAINING – ORIENTED
STRAND BOARD – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the setting on fire or burning of oriented strand board for certain fire–fighting training; and establishing an administrative penalty not exceeding \$500 for a first violation of the Act and a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for a second or subsequent violation of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 6

Chapter 581

Delegate Hill, et al

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES –
ENERGY-CONSERVING STANDARDS (MARYLAND
SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS ACT OF 2023)

Requiring the Department of General Services to establish and periodically update standards for State buildings to conserve energy and minimize adverse impacts on birds; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to include the standards in certain requirements established for the Maryland High Performance Green Building Program; defining “State building” as one acquired, constructed, or renovated by the State or one for which 50% of the money for acquisition, construction, or renovation came from State funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 830

Chapter 582

Delegate Terrasa, et al

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION – ELECTRIC VEHICLE
CHARGING

Establishing and altering certain requirements related to the installation of equipment for the charging of electric vehicles during the construction of certain housing units; clarifying that a county or municipal corporation may require a greater number of electric vehicle parking spaces; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to study certain issues related to the installation of electric vehicle parking spaces at multifamily residential buildings and submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 9

Chapter 583

Delegate Ruth, et al

EQUITY IN TRANSPORTATION SECTOR – GUIDELINES AND ANALYSES

Requiring that equity be considered when State transportation plans, reports, and goals are developed; altering the membership of the advisory committee on State transportation goals; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct transit equity analyses, cost–benefit analyses, and consult with certain communities before announcing or proposing any major service change or any reduction or cancellation of a certain capital expansion project in the construction program; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 19

Chapter 584

Senator Carter

EQUITY IN TRANSPORTATION SECTOR – GUIDELINES AND ANALYSES

Requiring that equity be considered when State transportation plans, reports, and goals are developed; altering the membership of the advisory committee on State transportation goals, benchmarks, and indicators; requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct transit equity analyses and cost–benefit analyses and consult with certain communities before announcing or proposing any major service change or any reduction or cancellation of a certain capital expansion project in a certain construction program; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 651

Chapter 585

Senator Carter

REAL ESTATE – REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES AND TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE CONTRACTS (THE ANTHONY MOORMAN ACT)

Requiring a real estate broker or an escrow agent, if a purchaser terminates a certain transaction under certain circumstances, to distribute trust money to the purchaser within 30 days after a certain written notice of the termination is sent; requiring a holder of trust money who makes a certain distribution to notify the seller and purchaser of the distribution within a certain period of time, subject to a certain exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 483

Chapter 586

Senator Lewis Young, et al

PRIVATE WELL SAFETY ACT OF 2023

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations by December 31, 2026 to identify additional standards for water quality testing; requiring the Department, subject to certain funding, and in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, to utilize an online portal to receive and upload certain information and to provide public access to the information; requiring the Department of the Environment to consistently share the information collected with the Maryland Department of Health and local health departments; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 11

Chapter 587

Delegate Stewart

PRIVATE WELL SAFETY ACT OF 2023

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations by December 31, 2026, to identify additional standards for water quality testing; requiring the Department, subject to certain funding and in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, to utilize an online portal to receive and upload certain information and to provide public access to the information; requiring the Department of the Environment to consistently share the information collected with the Maryland Department of Health and local health departments; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 325

Chapter 588

Delegate Terrasa, et al

PROVISION OF VETERINARY SERVICES – PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND RABIES VACCINES

Authorizing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to issue a license to an animal control facility to administer rabies vaccines; requiring the Board to establish an expedited process to authorize a veterinary practitioner who holds a current, valid license to practice veterinary medicine in another state or jurisdiction to become licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State; requiring the Secretary of Health to allow certain veterinary technicians or other clinical staff to administer rabies vaccines; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

- SB 390**
Chapter 589 **Senator Lewis Young, et al**
PROVISION OF VETERINARY SERVICES – PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND RABIES VACCINES
Authorizing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to issue a license to an animal control facility to administer rabies vaccines; requiring the Board to establish an expedited process to authorize a veterinary practitioner who holds a current, valid license to practice veterinary medicine in another state or jurisdiction to become licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State; and requiring the Secretary of Health to allow certain individuals to administer rabies vaccines under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 1194**
Chapter 590 **Delegates Wivell and Valentine**
TOWN OF SHARPSBURG – PARKING OF VEHICLES – RESTRICTIONS
Prohibiting a person from parking certain vehicles in the Town of Sharpsburg, Washington County, subject to a certain exception.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 676**
Chapter 591 **Delegate Wivell, et al**
CEMETERIES – INTERMENT – PET REMAINS
Making certain provisions of law governing cemeteries applicable to pet cemeteries; providing that a certain registered cemeterian, registered crematory operator, or permit holder who sells or offers to sell to the public certain services for pet remains owes a duty of perpetual care for the cemetery in which certain pet remains are interred; and requiring the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight to adopt regulations to enforce certain provisions of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 710**
Chapter 592 **Delegate Bagnall**
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS
Establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply in Anne Arundel County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 679

Chapter 593

Anne Arundel County Senators

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply in Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 448

Chapter 594

Senators Gile and Hester

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER’S LICENSES AND OFF-SITE PERMITS

Extending the termination date, to June 30, 2024, for provisions relating to the authorization of holders of certain manufacturer’s licenses to sell and deliver and to directly ship their own alcoholic beverages products to certain individuals under certain circumstances; establishing the maximum amount of beer and liquor that holders of certain manufacturer’s licenses may directly ship to consumers in a calendar year; delaying the effective date for the authorization of certain manufacturer off-site permits to July 1, 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 463

Chapter 595

Delegate A. Johnson, et al

STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Architects in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 962

Chapter 596

Anne Arundel County Senators

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Requiring a certain applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County to be a resident of the State, rather than the county, when an application for a license is filed; and providing that a certain license is valid only for as long as the resident applicant remains a resident of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 558 **Carroll County Delegation**

Chapter 597 CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Requiring at least one applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Carroll County to be a resident of the State, rather than the county, when an application is filed and to remain a resident of the State for the license to remain valid; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 393 **Carroll County Senators**

Chapter 598 CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Requiring at least one applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Carroll County to be a resident of the State, rather than the county, when an application is filed and to remain a resident of the State for the license to remain valid; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 947 **Charles County Delegation**

Chapter 599 CHARLES COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR
VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

Authorizing the governing body of Charles County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the property tax imposed on the owner-occupied residence of certain emergency responders and their surviving spouses if the federal adjusted gross income of the emergency responder or the unmarried surviving spouse for the immediately preceding taxable years is \$150,000 or less; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 521

Chapter 600

Charles County Senators

**CHARLES COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR
VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS**

Authorizing the governing body of Charles County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the property tax imposed on the owner-occupied residence of certain emergency responders and their surviving spouses if the federal adjusted gross income of the emergency responders or unmarried surviving spouses for the immediately preceding taxable year is \$150,000 or less; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 396

Chapter 601

Cecil County Senators

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – UPPER SHORE REGIONAL
COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of certain voting and nonvoting members of the Upper Shore Regional Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 517

Chapter 602

Cecil County Senators and Senator Augustine

PORT OF DEPOSIT STATE HISTORICAL PARK – PLANNING

Altering composition of the stakeholder advisory committee to advise the Department of Natural Resources on the scope and management of Port of Deposit State Historical Park; requiring the Department to make a certain report to the General Assembly on or before September 1, 2024; extending the deadline for the Bainbridge Development Corporation to transfer certain property to the Department to June 1, 2025; authorizing the Governor to include in the State budget an appropriation of at least \$400,000 for certain purposes; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1005

Chapter 603

Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE AND POSITION OF ARCHERY HUNTER HO. CO. 15–23

Reducing from 150 yards to 50 yards the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Howard County who are under the authority of a deer management permit or who are actively participating in a hunting program administered by the county within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances; and requiring certain archery hunters in Howard County to be in an elevated position when hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 150 yards of certain buildings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 1127

Chapter 604

Harford County Delegation

HARFORD COUNTY – ADVISORY PLUMBING BOARD

Authorizing the governing body of Harford County to enact a local law providing for the membership and terms of the Harford County Advisory Plumbing Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 797

Chapter 605

Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION – DISPUTE ARBITRATION MC/PG 103–23

Altering the requirement that economic provisions of a certain final collective bargaining agreement for employees of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission be subject to funding by the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George’s County Council to instead require that certain terms and conditions of the final agreement be subject to approval by the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George’s County Council; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 435

Chapter 606

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MARYLAND ROUTE 210 (INDIAN HEAD HIGHWAY) PG 304–23

Increasing the maximum number of speed monitoring systems that may be placed and used on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County from three to six; requiring the State Highway Administration in conjunction with a certain entity to report annually its recommendations for solutions to address accidents, injuries, and fatalities on the highway; extending the termination date for a provision of law granting the authority to place speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 in Prince George's County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 784

Chapter 607

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B AND CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES, INSPECTIONS, PENALTIES, AND WORKGROUP PG 302–23

Authorizing the holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license, a Class C (fraternal/sororal/service organization) beer, wine, and liquor license, or a Class C (veterans' organization or club) beer, wine and liquor license in Prince George's County to serve beer, wine, and liquor by the glass or by the bottle for on-premises consumption; establishing the Workgroup to Study Best Practices for Safe Event Promotion and the Leveraging of Alcoholic Beverages Licenses in Prince George's County; requiring a certain report by December 1, 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 1109

Chapter 608

Prince George's County Delegation

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT –
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS PG 407–23**

Authorizing Prince George's County to create certain business improvement districts intended to promote the general welfare of the residents, employers, employees, property owners, tenants, consumers, and general public with the geographic area of the districts; requiring the county to adopt certain local laws to provide for the creation and organization of a district; removing Prince George's County from the scope of law governing the establishment of business improvement districts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 219

Chapter 609

St. Mary's County Delegation

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS –
REPORT**

Requiring the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners to produce a report recommending and describing the areas of St. Mary's County that the County Board considers appropriate for the operation of unregistered golf carts on public highways, subject to certain standards; and requiring the County Board to submit the report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 700

Chapter 610

Talbot County Delegation

**TALBOT COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS –
INTERSECTION OF MARYLAND ROUTE 333 (OXFORD ROAD)
AND BONFIELD AVENUE**

Authorizing the placement and use of a speed monitoring system at the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue in Talbot County, subject to placement and signage requirements; requiring the fines collected by the Town of Oxford as a result of the speed monitoring system to be used to assist in covering the cost of roadway and pedestrian safety improvements in and around the intersection; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1087

Chapter 611

Wicomico County Delegation

**WICOMICO COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING AND ARCHERY
HUNTING SAFETY ZONES**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt game birds and mammals on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal seasons from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m. in Wicomico County; authorizing the Department to allow Sunday hunting in Wicomico County on public land, subject to certain time restrictions; and adding Wicomico County to the list of counties in which the safety zone for archery hunters extends 50 yards from certain structures occupied by human beings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber
Executive Director